

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED NOVEMBER 21, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday November 21, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with Google Meets

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C. 30A § 20", until March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/kaf-pryc-mpt
PHONE: 956-320-7852
PIN: 126 843 717#

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at www.stoughtontv.org. A recording of the meeting, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceeding will be posted on the Town's website and/or SMAC as soon as possible after the meeting if the live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:10 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:15 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:20 p.m. To consider and retain Special Counsel regarding PFAS litigation (Votes may be taken) Tom Calter
Town Manager
6. 7:30 p.m. **Public Hearings:**
 - a. To hear and consider a Notice of Intent to Sell and Right of First Refusal, pursuant to G. L. Chapter 61B, regarding approx. 35 acres of land at 1515 West St., assessor's parcels 0036-0004-0000 and 0037-0004-0000 (Votes may be taken) Tom Calter
Town Manager

7. 8:15 p.m. b. Tax Classification Hearing pursuant G.L. Chapter 40 §56 (Votes may be taken) Trish Shropshire
8. 9:00 p.m. To consider and discuss alleged liquor license violations at Golden Palace, 300 Washington St. Sgt. James O'Connor
9. 9:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
- a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of October 31, 2023 and November 7, 2023
 - b. Termination of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 30 Porter St.
 - c. Water Connection Application - John Stagnone, Holmes Ave. Parcel ID 068-113
 - d. Application for a 1-Day Alcoholic Beverage License - Ahavath Torah Congregation - December 2, 2023
 - e. Approval of FY25 Budget Guidelines
10. 9:25 p.m. To consider request for letter of support re: IV3 Stoughton Logistics Park, LLC's to Discontinue Old Page Street County Way (Votes may be taken)
11. 9:35 p.m. To consider and discuss Town Manager compensation and remuneration



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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING DAY**



No
trash/recycle
will be picked up on
Thursday, November 23.
Thanksgiving Day



Thursday's trash/recycle
will be picked up on
Friday, November 24
and

Friday's trash/recycle
will be picked up on
Monday November 27

Please have it curbside by 7 A.M.





Nature-inspired Printmaking

Thursday, November 30, | 5:30 to 6:30 pm |

Stoughton Recreation Department

Embark on a creative journey in our adult Gelli printmaking class at the Stoughton Rec Department! Experiment with natural materials, custom stencils and an array of inks to create your own unique nature-based prints. This hands-on workshop promises a fusion of artistic exploration and hands-on crafting, offering participants the opportunity to learn gelli printmaking with the guidance of a Mass Audubon educator.

SAVE A LIFE

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION & NARCAN TRAINING

**FREE
NARCAN**
available for
participants



The workshop will be led
by Dan Foley.

Dan is an Assistant
Program Director at
Connect2Recovery and a
Stoughton resident in
long-term recovery.

2 Opportunities to Attend:

1) **IN PERSON**

Wednesday, 11/29 - 7 pm

Stoughton Library Community
Room

2) **ON ZOOM**

Wednesday, 12/6 - 6:30 pm

register for the zoom link [HERE](#)
or scan the QR code ->



In this community workshop you
will learn:

- what opioids are
- what an overdose looks like
- how to respond to an overdose
- how to use Narcan



For more information visit www.stoughtonoasis.org
or email spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

STOUGHTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Blue Hills Ski & Snowboard Lessons

Thursdays, 1/4/24 – 2/1/24 | Ages 7–15

Rental Equipment, Ski Program, & Snowpass: \$394 for residents

Ski Program & Snowpass: \$254 for residents | Transportation: \$35

We are offering a five-week instructional ski and snowboarding course for children ages 7 to 15 at Blue Hills Ski Area. Lessons are 75 minutes long and will be held from 4:30–5:45 pm. For an additional cost, transportation is provided but seats are limited. Helmets are required

Registration opens Thursday, 11/16

Registration deadline is Monday, 12/11

Sign up today at

www.StoughtonRec.org



\$40

For full
session

OPEN PLAY

WITH FELICIA

AGES

1.5–4

YEARS



MONDAYS 10–11:30 AM | 11/20–12/11

PARACHUTE-IMAGINATIVE PLAY-MUSIC & MORE!

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

On- Call



The Town of Stoughton is contracting for On-Call Snow Plowing Services for the upcoming winter season.

Information and documents can be obtained by e-mailing the Procurement Department at fbruttaniti@stoughton-ma.gov or call 781- 232-9364.

Complete Snow Plowing Operation responses will be accepted at the Town Hall Procurement Department, 3rd floor 10 Pearl Street before November 9, 2023.

The number of contracted pieces of equipment will be determined by the DPW Superintendent based on the needs to supplement the Town's equipment



Leaf/Brush Disposal

Town of Stoughton Residents Only

Bring your Brush and Leaves

from 8am to 3pm

to 1240 Washington St

Across from Canton Fence (Not Gay St.)

open to residents for leaf disposal and chipable brush.



There will be 3 trucks
available. All
containers will have to be
dumped (there will be a
barrel for bags etc)

Saturday November 25

Saturday December 2

Saturday December 9

The Recycle Center will
continue to be open
every Saturday
8 a.m to 4 p.m.
for leaves and
grass clippings
100 Page St.



**Town of Stoughton
offers Jack's Rain
Barrels* and
Composters Sales for
Water Conservation and
Soil Conservation!**

Order today while supplies last!

Call:

**The Conservation/Environmental Affairs Office,
Engineering Department,
Town Hall , 10 Pearl St,
(781) 341-1300 ext. 9262, 9261 & 9187
Or DPW ext. 9410**

*Arrangements for delivery or pick up at
The Town will be made at time of payment.*

**Make your check payable to:
The Town of Stoughton.**

***Drop by or send a check, the home address
and your contact information to:
Engineering Department/Conservation
Commission
2nd Floor Town Hall.***

**Call anytime or stop by the Engineering
office, 2nd floor Town Hall during office
hours Monday through Wednesday of 8:30
to 4:30; Thursday 8:30 to 7:00 & Fridays 8:30
to 12:00 PM.**

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**2 colors to choose from
for composters: tan and black!**

Prices for Rain Barrels*

= \$ 80

Tax= \$ 5

Total: \$ 85

Composters =

Tax=\$ 5

Total=\$ 85

***Rain Barrels must be
elevated on a block for the
most efficient use of the
brass spigot.**



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10 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA 02072

Phone: 781-341-1300
Fax 781-341-1032
www.stoughton-ma.gov

Stephanie G. Carrara, CMC/MMC
Town Clerk

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ALL OFFICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Important Dates to Remember:

Possible Preliminary Election: February 13, 2024

Last Day to Register to Vote: Saturday, February 3, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

Town Election: April 2, 2024

Last Day to Register to Vote: Saturday, March 23, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

For Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Redevelopment & Housing Authority

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: Friday, December 22, 2023 (12:00 p.m.)

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers: Tuesday, December 26, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)

Last Day to Withdraw from Ballot: Thursday, December 28, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

In order to be placed on the ballot, at least 120 signatures must be on nomination papers. 100 of those signatures must be certified.

For Town Meeting Representatives Only

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: Friday, February 9, 2024 (12:00 p.m.)

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

Last Day to Withdraw from Ballot: Thursday, February 15, 2024 (7:00 p.m.)

In order to be placed on the ballot as a Town Meeting Representative, nomination papers must be signed by fifteen qualified registered voters from your precinct. It is recommended that you get at least 20 signatures on your nomination paper.

Helpful tips:

A candidate can sign their own nomination papers.

If a signature is illegible, it is acceptable to have the voter print their name next to their signature.

The entire address must be written out. (For example, 1 Main St. is acceptable. 1 Main is not.)

Incomplete addresses cannot be certified.

PO Boxes are not acceptable.

Possible reasons a signature is not certified on a nomination paper

*Has the voter moved recently? If they have not re-registered at the new address, their signature cannot be certified.

*If the signature is illegible and unable to be identified, it will not be certified.

* " " marks are unacceptable. Each address must be fully written out after each signature.

**** IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM THE CLERKS OFFICE
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK DIRECTLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT 781-232-9224****

Town of Stoughton's Annual

HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2023



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

Starts at 5 pm at High School, ends at corner of Park & Leach St

**SEEKING GROUPS AND BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER!**

www.StoughtonRec.org



O'Donnell Middle School PTSO's

Craft & Vendor

SHOP
Local

Fair

DECEMBER 2

AT O'DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
211 CUSHING STREET, STOUGHTON

10:00AM - 2:00PM

ENTRY
TICKET: **\$1**

PER PERSON

Or a donation of canned/non
perishable goods



Pottery Wheel Workshop

12/15

5-8 PM

AGES 16+

\$75

REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST

REGISTER AT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



8TH
ANNUAL

FILL A CRUISER

In front of Stoughton Police Station
Saturday, December 9
from 10-3

The collection box will be available from
November 24 - December 15 in our lobby

Accepting
new unwrapped toys,
sports equipment, games
and clothing for children
from newborn to 17 years.

We will also be accepting
gift cards and
cash donations.

Donations via Venmo to
[@stoughtonpolicerelief](https://venmo.com/stoughtonpolicerelief)

All donations to help local families



WINTER BOXWOOD WREATH WORKSHOP

12/7 | 5:30 pm | \$30 | 18+
Rec Center - 15 Pleasant St

Join instructor Laurice and
create a one of a kind spring
boxwood wreath!



www.StoughtonRec.org

Welcome to the Town Manager's Office!

On December 12, 2022 I was honored to begin my career in Stoughton. After enjoying a successful career in business, as a State Legislator and as a Town Administrator, I've taken on this challenge with eyes wide open. From a career of professional experiences, successes and mistakes, I join the Town well prepared to meet the challenges, and leverage the opportunities before us. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. I want you to know that I am true and committed to several core values.

First, you can always expect transactional honesty from me. I will respectfully say what I mean and mean what I say. Second, I am committed to openness and full transparency. Secrets, hidden agendas and old grievances will not play any part in my decision making process nor, will they eat up the valuable time needed to do this job properly. Third, you can always expect me to use prudent fiscal judgement. We have real financial challenges and clear solutions which will require your understanding and support. I am not promising a "Rose Garden". I am promising however, that within three years, the Town of Stoughton will stand on a strong financial footing.

We have some challenges that are among my top priorities. As Stoughton looks forward to its 300th Anniversary, it's important to understand that our infrastructure is old and has been neglected for decades. We seldom appreciate the value of clean running water and efficient waste management until those services are interrupted or lost. We all share 112 miles of Stoughton roads. Only 24.1 miles require minimal or no maintenance. As we develop a long-term infrastructure plan, we need to coordinate the replacement of 100 year old water and waste water distribution lines with the pavement of those roads. We need to replace water meters that are not properly recording water consumption. This may appear to be getting into the weeds. However, the condition of our water and sewer lines, town buildings, and town roads is beneath the standard you deserve. Meeting those challenges is among my top priorities. Meeting you and hearing your views will be among my greatest joys!

In closing, I want you to know that openness, transparency and constituent service are among my core values. Those values served me well as a business executive, business owner, legislator and municipal leader. Your confidence in Stoughton town government is needed in order for us to move our common agenda forward. I ask that you stay in touch, stay involved, share your thoughts and make your voice heard.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Calter

